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### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

HERIBERTO HERNANDEZ, individually and on behalf of others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT** 

-against-

LAS MARAVILLAS DE MEXICO RESTAURANT CORP. (D/B/A LAS MARAVILLAS DE MEXICO), PIEDAD MARTINEZ, and HECTOR MARTINEZ, COLLECTIVE ACTION UNDER 29 U.S.C. § 216(b)

**ECF Case** 

Defendants.	
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Plaintiff Heriberto Hernandez ("Plaintiff Hernandez" or "Mr. Hernandez"), individually and on behalf of others similarly situated, by and through his attorneys, Michael Faillace & Associates, P.C., upon his knowledge and belief, and as against Las Maravillas de Mexico Restaurant Corp. (d/b/a Las Maravillas de Mexico), ("Defendant Corporation"), Piedad Martinez and Hector Martinez, ("Individual Defendants"), (collectively, "Defendants"), alleges as follows:

#### **NATURE OF ACTION**

- 1. Plaintiff Hernandez is a former employee of Defendants Las Maravillas de Mexico Restaurant Corp. (d/b/a Las Maravillas de Mexico), Piedad Martinez, and Hector Martinez.
- 2. Defendants own, operate, or control a Mexican Restaurant, located at 11 Bedford Park Blvd E, Bronx NY 10468 under the name "Las Maravillas de Mexico".

- 3. Upon information and belief, individual Defendants Piedad Martinez and Hector Martinez, serve or served as owners, managers, principals, or agents of Defendant Corporation and, through this corporate entity, operate or operated the restaurant as a joint or unified enterprise.
- 4. Plaintiff Hernandez was employed as a cook at the restaurant located at 11 Bedford Park Blvd E, Bronx NY 10468.
- 5. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Plaintiff Hernandez worked for Defendants in excess of 40 hours per week, without appropriate minimum wage, overtime, and spread of hours compensation for the hours that he worked.
- 6. Rather, Defendants failed to maintain accurate recordkeeping of the hours worked and failed to pay Plaintiff Hernandez appropriately for any hours worked, either at the straight rate of pay or for any additional overtime premium.
- 7. Further, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff Hernandez the required "spread of hours" pay for any day in which he had to work over 10 hours a day.
- 8. Defendants' conduct extended beyond Plaintiff Hernandez to all other similarly situated employees.
- 9. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Defendants maintained a policy and practice of requiring Plaintiff Hernandez and other employees to work in excess of forty (40) hours per week without providing the minimum wage and overtime compensation required by federal and state law and regulations.
- 10. Plaintiff Hernandez now brings this action on behalf of himself, and other similarly situated individuals, for unpaid minimum and overtime wages pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 29 U.S.C. § 201 *et seq.* ("FLSA"), and for violations of the N.Y. Labor Law §§ 190 *et seq.* and 650 *et seq.* (the "NYLL"), and the "spread of hours" and overtime wage orders of the New

York Commissioner of Labor codified at N.Y. COMP. CODES R. & REGS. tit. 12, § 146-1.6 (herein the "Spread of Hours Wage Order"), including applicable liquidated damages, interest, attorneys' fees and costs.

11. Plaintiff Hernandez seeks certification of this action as a collective action on behalf of himself, individually, and all other similarly situated employees and former employees of Defendants pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 12. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question) and the FLSA, and supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiff Hernandez's state law claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).
- 13. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and (c) because all, or a substantial portion of, the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in this district, Defendants maintain their corporate headquarters and offices within this district, and Defendants operate a Mexican Restaurant located in this district. Further, Plaintiff Hernandez was employed by Defendants in this district.

#### **PARTIES**

#### Plaintiff

- 14. Plaintiff Heriberto Hernandez ("Plaintiff Hernandez" or "Mr. Hernandez") is an adult individual residing in Bronx County, New York.
- 15. Plaintiff Hernandez was employed by Defendants at Las Maravillas de Mexico from approximately November 2018 until on or about July 26, 2020.

16. Plaintiff Hernandez consents to being a party plaintiff pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), and brings these claims based upon the allegations herein as a representative party of a prospective class of similarly situated individuals under 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).

#### **Defendants**

- 17. At all relevant times, Defendants owned, operated, or controlled a Mexican Restaurant, located at 11 Bedford Park Blvd E, Bronx NY 10468 under the name "Las Maravillas de Mexico".
- 18. Upon information and belief, Las Maravillas de Mexico Restaurant Corp. (d/b/a Las Maravillas de Mexico) is a domestic corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York. Upon information and belief, it maintains its principal place of business at 11 Bedford Park Blvd E, Bronx NY 10468.
- 19. Defendant Piedad Martinez is an individual engaging (or who was engaged) in business in this judicial district during the relevant time period. Defendant Piedad Martinez is sued individually in her capacity as owner, officer and/or agent of Defendant Corporation. Defendant Piedad Martinez possesses operational control over Defendant Corporation, an ownership interest in Defendant Corporation, and controls significant functions of Defendant Corporation. She determines the wages and compensation of the employees of Defendants, including Plaintiff Hernandez, establishes the schedules of the employees, maintains employee records, and has the authority to hire and fire employees.
- 20. Defendant Hector Martinez is an individual engaging (or who was engaged) in business in this judicial district during the relevant time period. Defendant Hector Martinez is sued individually in his capacity as owner, officer and/or agent of Defendant Corporation. Defendant Hector Martinez possesses operational control over Defendant Corporation, an ownership interest in

Defendant Corporation, and controls significant functions of Defendant Corporation. He determines the wages and compensation of the employees of Defendants, including Plaintiff Hernandez, establishes the schedules of the employees, maintains employee records, and has the authority to hire and fire employees.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

Defendants Constitute Joint Employers

- 21. Defendants operate a Mexican Restaurant located in the Fordham Manor section of the Bronx in New York City.
- 22. Individual Defendants, Piedad Martinez and Hector Martinez, possess operational control over Defendant Corporation, possess ownership interests in Defendant Corporation, and control significant functions of Defendant Corporation.
- 23. Defendants are associated and joint employers, act in the interest of each other with respect to employees, pay employees by the same method, and share control over the employees.
- 24. Each Defendant possessed substantial control over Plaintiff Hernandez's (and other similarly situated employees') working conditions, and over the policies and practices with respect to the employment and compensation of Plaintiff Hernandez, and all similarly situated individuals, referred to herein.
- 25. Defendants jointly employed Plaintiff Hernandez (and all similarly situated employees) and are Plaintiff Hernandez's (and all similarly situated employees') employers within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. 201 *et seq.* and the NYLL.
- 26. In the alternative, Defendants constitute a single employer of Plaintiff Hernandez and/or similarly situated individuals.

- 27. Upon information and belief, Individual Defendants Piedad Martinez and Hector Martinez operate Defendant Corporation as either an alter ego of themselves and/or fail to operate Defendant Corporation as an entity legally separate and apart from themselves, by among other things:
  - a) failing to adhere to the corporate formalities necessary to operate Defendant Corporation as a Corporation,
  - b) defectively forming or maintaining the corporate entity of Defendant Corporation,
     by, amongst other things, failing to hold annual meetings or maintaining appropriate corporate records,
  - c) transferring assets and debts freely as between all Defendants,
  - d) operating Defendant Corporation for their own benefit as the sole or majority shareholders,
  - e) operating Defendant Corporation for their own benefit and maintaining control over this corporation as a closed Corporation,
  - f) intermingling assets and debts of their own with Defendant Corporation,
  - g) diminishing and/or transferring assets of Defendant Corporation to avoid full liability as necessary to protect their own interests, and
  - h) Other actions evincing a failure to adhere to the corporate form.
- 28. At all relevant times, Defendants were Plaintiff Hernandez's employers within the meaning of the FLSA and New York Labor Law. Defendants had the power to hire and fire Plaintiff Hernandez, controlled the terms and conditions of employment, and determined the rate and method of any compensation in exchange for Plaintiff Hernandez's services.

- 29. In each year from 2018 to 2020, Defendants, both separately and jointly, had a gross annual volume of sales of not less than \$500,000 (exclusive of excise taxes at the retail level that are separately stated).
- 30. In addition, upon information and belief, Defendants and/or their enterprise were directly engaged in interstate commerce. As an example, numerous items that were used in the restaurant on a daily basis are goods produced outside of the State of New York.

#### Individual Plaintiff

- 31. Plaintiff Hernandez is a former employee of Defendants who was employed as a cook.
- 32. Plaintiff Hernandez seeks to represent a class of similarly situated individuals under 29 U.S.C. 216(b).

#### Plaintiff Heriberto Hernandez

- 33. Plaintiff Hernandez was employed by Defendants from approximately November 2018 until on or about July 26, 2020.
  - 34. Defendants employed Plaintiff Hernandez as a cook.
- 35. Plaintiff Hernandez regularly handled goods in interstate commerce, such as food and other supplies produced outside the State of New York.
- 36. Plaintiff Hernandez's work duties required neither discretion nor independent judgment.
- 37. Throughout his employment with Defendants, Plaintiff Hernandez regularly worked in excess of 40 hours per week.

- 38. From approximately November 2018 until on or about July 26, 2020, Plaintiff Hernandez worked from approximately 9:00 a.m. until on or about 9:00 p.m., Tuesdays through Sundays (typically 72 hours per week).
  - 39. Throughout his employment, Defendants paid Plaintiff Hernandez his wages in cash.
- 40. From approximately November 2018 until on or about July 26, 2020, Defendants paid Plaintiff Hernandez a fixed salary of \$600 per week.
  - 41. Defendants never granted Plaintiff Hernandez any breaks or meal periods of any kind.
- 42. Plaintiff Hernandez was not required to keep track of his time, nor to his knowledge, did the Defendants utilize any time tracking device such as punch cards, that accurately reflected his actual hours worked.
- 43. No notification, either in the form of posted notices or other means, was ever given to Plaintiff Hernandez regarding overtime and wages under the FLSA and NYLL.
- 44. Defendants did not provide Plaintiff Hernandez an accurate statement of wages, as required by NYLL 195(3).
- 45. Defendants did not give any notice to Plaintiff Hernandez, in English and in Spanish (Plaintiff Hernandez's primary language), of his rate of pay, employer's regular pay day, and such other information as required by NYLL §195(1).
- 46. Defendants required Plaintiff Hernandez to purchase "tools of the trade" with his own funds—including eight aprons, seven hats for cooks, six polo shirts with the restaurant logo, and one pair of kitchen shoes.

#### Defendants' General Employment Practices

47. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Defendants maintained a policy and practice of requiring Plaintiff Hernandez (and all similarly situated employees) to work in excess of 40 hours

a week without paying him appropriate minimum wage, spread of hours pay, and overtime compensation as required by federal and state laws.

- 48. Plaintiff Hernandez was a victim of Defendants' common policy and practices which violate his rights under the FLSA and New York Labor Law by, *inter alia*, not paying him the wages he was owed for the hours he worked.
- 49. Defendants' pay practices resulted in Plaintiff Hernandez not receiving payment for all his hours worked, and resulted in Plaintiff Hernandez's effective rate of pay falling below the required minimum wage rate.
- 50. Defendants willfully disregarded and purposefully evaded recordkeeping requirements of the FLSA and NYLL by failing to maintain accurate and complete timesheets and payroll records.
  - 51. Defendants paid Plaintiff Hernandez his wages in cash.
- 52. Defendants failed to post at the workplace, or otherwise provide to employees, the required postings or notices to employees regarding the applicable wage and hour requirements of the FLSA and NYLL.
- 53. Upon information and belief, these practices by Defendants were done willfully to disguise the actual number of hours Plaintiff Hernandez (and similarly situated individuals) worked, and to avoid paying Plaintiff Hernandez properly for his full hours worked.
- 54. Defendants engaged in their unlawful conduct pursuant to a corporate policy of minimizing labor costs and denying employees compensation by knowingly violating the FLSA and NYLL.
- 55. Defendants' unlawful conduct was intentional, willful, in bad faith, and caused significant damages to Plaintiff Hernandez and other similarly situated former workers.

- 56. Defendants failed to provide Plaintiff Hernandez and other employees with accurate wage statements at the time of their payment of wages, containing: the dates of work covered by that payment of wages; name of employee; name of employer; address and phone number of employer; rate or rates of pay and basis thereof, whether paid by the hour, shift, day, week, salary, piece, commission, or other; gross wages; deductions; allowances, if any, claimed as part of the minimum wage; net wages; the regular hourly rate or rates of pay; the overtime rate or rates of pay; the number of regular hours worked; and the number of overtime hours worked, as required by NYLL §195(3).
- 57. Defendants failed to provide Plaintiff Hernandez and other employees, at the time of hiring and on or before February 1 of each subsequent year, a statement in English and the employees' primary language, containing: the rate or rates of pay and basis thereof, whether paid by the hour, shift, day, week, salary, piece, commission, or other; allowances, if any, claimed as part of the minimum wage, including tip, meal, or lodging allowances; the regular pay day designated by the employer; the name of the employer; any "doing business as" names used by the employer; the physical address of the employer's main office or principal place of business, and a mailing address if different; and the telephone number of the employer, as required by New York Labor Law §195(1).

#### FLSA COLLECTIVE ACTION CLAIMS

- 58. Plaintiff Hernandez brings his FLSA minimum wage, overtime compensation, and liquidated damages claims as a collective action pursuant to FLSA Section 16(b), 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), on behalf of all similarly situated persons (the "FLSA Class members"), i.e., persons who are or were employed by Defendants or any of them, on or after the date that is three years before the filing of the complaint in this case (the "FLSA Class Period").
- 59. At all relevant times, Plaintiff Hernandez and other members of the FLSA Class were similarly situated in that they had substantially similar job requirements and pay provisions, and

have been subject to Defendants' common practices, policies, programs, procedures, protocols and plans including willfully failing and refusing to pay them the required minimum wage, overtime pay at a one and one-half their regular rates for work in excess of forty (40) hours per workweek under the FLSA, and willfully failing to keep records under the FLSA.

60. The claims of Plaintiff Hernandez stated herein are similar to those of the other employees.

#### **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### VIOLATION OF THE MINIMUM WAGE PROVISIONS OF THE FLSA

- 61. Plaintiff Hernandez repeats and realleges all paragraphs above as though fully set forth herein.
- 62. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants were Plaintiff Hernandez's employers within the meaning of the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 203(d). Defendants had the power to hire and fire Plaintiff Hernandez (and the FLSA Class Members), controlled the terms and conditions of their employment, and determined the rate and method of any compensation in exchange for their employment.
- 63. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants were engaged in commerce or in an industry or activity affecting commerce.
- 64. Defendants constitute an enterprise within the meaning of the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 203 (r-s).
- 65. Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff Hernandez (and the FLSA Class members) at the applicable minimum hourly rate, in violation of 29 U.S.C. § 206(a).
- 66. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff Hernandez (and the FLSA Class members) at the applicable minimum hourly rate was willful within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 255(a).

67. Plaintiff Hernandez (and the FLSA Class members) were damaged in an amount to be determined at trial.

#### **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### VIOLATION OF THE OVERTIME PROVISIONS OF THE FLSA

- 68. Plaintiff Hernandez repeats and realleges all paragraphs above as though fully set forth herein.
- 69. Defendants, in violation of 29 U.S.C. § 207(a)(1), failed to pay Plaintiff Hernandez (and the FLSA Class members) overtime compensation at a rate of one and one-half times the regular rate of pay for each hour worked in excess of forty hours in a work week.
- 70. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff Hernandez (and the FLSA Class members), overtime compensation was willful within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 255(a).
- 71. Plaintiff Hernandez (and the FLSA Class members)were damaged in an amount to be determined at trial.

#### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

#### VIOLATION OF THE NEW YORK MINIMUM WAGE ACT

- 72. Plaintiff Hernandez repeats and realleges all paragraphs above as though fully set forth herein.
- 73. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants were Plaintiff Hernandez's employers within the meaning of the N.Y. Lab. Law §§ 2 and 651. Defendants had the power to hire and fire Plaintiff Hernandez, controlled the terms and conditions of his employment, and determined the rates and methods of any compensation in exchange for his employment.
- 74. Defendants, in violation of NYLL § 652(1) and the supporting regulations of the New York State Department of Labor, paid Plaintiff Hernandez less than the minimum wage.

- 75. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff Hernandez the minimum wage was willful within the meaning of N.Y. Lab. Law § 663.
  - 76. Plaintiff Hernandez was damaged in an amount to be determined at trial.

#### FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

#### **VIOLATION OF THE OVERTIME PROVISIONS**

#### OF THE NEW YORK STATE LABOR LAW

- 77. Plaintiff Hernandez repeats and realleges all paragraphs above as though fully set forth herein.
- 78. Defendants, in violation of N.Y. Lab. Law § 190 *et seq.*, and supporting regulations of the New York State Department of Labor, failed to pay Plaintiff Hernandez overtime compensation at rates of one and one-half times the regular rate of pay for each hour worked in excess of forty hours in a work week.
- 79. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff Hernandez overtime compensation was willful within the meaning of N.Y. Lab. Law § 663.
  - 80. Plaintiff Hernandez was damaged in an amount to be determined at trial.

#### **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### VIOLATION OF THE SPREAD OF HOURS WAGE ORDER

#### OF THE NEW YORK COMMISSIONER OF LABOR

- 81. Plaintiff Hernandez repeats and realleges all paragraphs above as though fully set forth herein.
- 82. Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff Hernandez one additional hour's pay at the basic minimum wage rate before allowances for each day Plaintiff Hernandez's spread of hours exceeded ten hours in violation of NYLL §§ 650 *et seq.* and 12 N.Y.C.R.R. §§ 146-1.6.

- 83. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff Hernandez an additional hour's pay for each day Plaintiff Hernandez's spread of hours exceeded ten hours was willful within the meaning of NYLL § 663.
  - 84. Plaintiff Hernandez was damaged in an amount to be determined at trial.

#### **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

# VIOLATION OF THE NOTICE AND RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW YORK LABOR LAW

- 85. Plaintiff Hernandez repeats and realleges all paragraphs above as though fully set forth herein.
- 86. Defendants failed to provide Plaintiff Hernandez with a written notice, in English and in Spanish (Plaintiff Hernandez's primary language), containing: the rate or rates of pay and basis thereof, whether paid by the hour, shift, day, week, salary, piece, commission, or other; allowances, if any, claimed as part of the minimum wage, including tip, meal, or lodging allowances; the regular pay day designated by the employer; the name of the employer; any "doing business as" names used by the employer; the physical address of the employer's main office or principal place of business, and a mailing address if different; and the telephone number of the employer, as required by NYLL §195(1).
- 87. Defendants are liable to Plaintiff Hernandez in the amount of \$5,000, together with costs and attorneys' fees.

#### SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

## VIOLATION OF THE WAGE STATEMENT PROVISIONS OF THE NEW YORK LABOR LAW

- 88. Plaintiff Hernandez repeats and realleges all paragraphs above as though fully set forth herein.
- 89. With each payment of wages, Defendants failed to provide Plaintiff Hernandez with an accurate statement listing each of the following: the dates of work covered by that payment of wages; name of employee; name of employer; address and phone number of employer; rate or rates of pay and basis thereof, whether paid by the hour, shift, day, week, salary, piece, commission, or other; gross wages; deductions; allowances, if any, claimed as part of the minimum wage; net wages; the regular hourly rate or rates of pay; the overtime rate or rates of pay; the number of regular hours worked; and the number of overtime hours worked, as required by NYLL 195(3).
- 90. Defendants are liable to Plaintiff Hernandez in the amount of \$5,000, together with costs and attorneys' fees.

#### **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### **RECOVERY OF EQUIPMENT COSTS**

- 91. Plaintiff Hernandez repeats and realleges all paragraphs above as though fully set forth herein.
- 92. Defendants required Plaintiff Hernandez to pay, without reimbursement, the costs and expenses for purchasing and maintaining equipment and "tools of the trade" required to perform his job, further reducing his wages in violation of the FLSA and NYLL. 29 U.S.C. § 206(a); 29 C.F.R. § 531.35; N.Y. Lab. Law §§ 193 and 198-b.
  - 93. Plaintiff Hernandez was damaged in an amount to be determined at trial.

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Hernandez respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment against Defendants by:

- (a) Designating this action as a collective action and authorizing prompt issuance of notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b) to all putative class members apprising them of the pendency of this action, and permitting them to promptly file consents to be Plaintiffs in the FLSA claims in this action;
- (b) Declaring that Defendants violated the minimum wage provisions of, and associated rules and regulations under, the FLSA as to Plaintiff Hernandez and the FLSA Class members;
- (c) Declaring that Defendants violated the overtime wage provisions of, and associated rules and regulations under, the FLSA as to Plaintiff Hernandez and the FLSA Class members;
- (d) Declaring that Defendants violated the recordkeeping requirements of, and associated rules and regulations under, the FLSA with respect to Plaintiff Hernandez's and the FLSA Class members' compensation, hours, wages, and any deductions or credits taken against wages;
- (e) Declaring that Defendants' violations of the provisions of the FLSA were willful as to Plaintiff Hernandez and the FLSA Class members;
- (f) Awarding Plaintiff Hernandez and the FLSA Class members damages for the amount of unpaid minimum wage, overtime compensation, and damages for any improper deductions or credits taken against wages under the FLSA as applicable;
- (g) Awarding Plaintiff Hernandez and the FLSA Class members liquidated damages in an amount equal to 100% of his damages for the amount of unpaid minimum wage and overtime

compensation, and damages for any improper deductions or credits taken against wages under the FLSA as applicable pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b);

- (h) Declaring that Defendants violated the minimum wage provisions of, and rules and orders promulgated under, the NYLL as to Plaintiff Hernandez;
- (i) Declaring that Defendants violated the overtime wage provisions of, and rules and orders promulgated under, the NYLL as to Plaintiff Hernandez;
- (j) Declaring that Defendants violated the spread-of-hours requirements of the NYLL and supporting regulations as to Plaintiff Hernandez;
- (k) Declaring that Defendants violated the notice and recordkeeping requirements of the NYLL with respect to Plaintiff Hernandez's compensation, hours, wages and any deductions or credits taken against wages;
- (l) Declaring that Defendants' violations of the provisions of the NYLL and spread of hours wage order were willful as to Plaintiff Hernandez;
- (m) Awarding Plaintiff Hernandez damages for the amount of unpaid minimum wage and overtime compensation, and for any improper deductions or credits taken against wages, as well as awarding spread of hours pay under the NYLL as applicable
- (n) Awarding Plaintiff Hernandez damages for Defendants' violation of the NYLL notice and recordkeeping provisions, pursuant to NYLL §§198(1-b), 198(1-d);
- (o) Awarding Plaintiff Hernandez liquidated damages in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of minimum wage, overtime compensation, and spread of hours pay shown to be owed pursuant to NYLL § 663 as applicable; and liquidated damages pursuant to NYLL § 198(3);

(p) Awarding Plaintiff Hernandez and the FLSA Class members pre-judgment and

post-judgment interest as applicable;

(q) Awarding Plaintiff Hernandez and the FLSA Class members the expenses incurred

in this action, including costs and attorneys' fees;

(r) Providing that if any amounts remain unpaid upon the expiration of ninety days

following issuance of judgment, or ninety days after expiration of the time to appeal and no appeal

is then pending, whichever is later, the total amount of judgment shall automatically increase by

fifteen percent, as required by NYLL § 198(4); and

(s) All such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

#### **JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff Hernandez demands a trial by jury on all issues triable by a jury.

Dated: New York, New York

August 5, 2020

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By: /s/ Michael Faillace

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BY HAND

TO: Clerk of Court,

I hereby consent to join this lawsuit as a party plaintiff.

(Yo, por medio de este documento, doy mi consentimiento para formar parte de la demanda como uno de los demandantes.)

Name / Nombre: <u>Heriberto Hernandez</u>

Legal Representative / Abogado: <u>Michael Faillace & Associates, P.C.</u>

Signature / Firma:

Date / Fecha: 28 de julio de 2020